



## ***Euphorbia corollata* – Flowering Spurge**

**COMMON NAME:** Flowering Spurge, Baby's Breath of the Prairie

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Euphorbia corollata* - the name refers to Euphorbus, a corpulent physician to King Juba of Mauritania in the 1st century. Eu means "good" or "well", *phorbia* comes from "pasture" or "fodder", thus giving *euphorbia* the meaning of "well fed". *Corollata* from Latin means "with a corolla", a small garland.

**FLOWER:** Small, white, 5-petaled blossoms with green centers

**BLOOMING PERIOD:** June to September

**SIZE:** 12 to 40 inches tall

**BEHAVIOR:** Does well in sandy roadsides and dry shaded banks. In the plains states to the west it can be a serious weed. The leaves are about 3 inches long, rounded at both ends and growing alternately along the stem.

**SITE REQUIREMENTS:** Full sun to partial shade on a variety of soils, especially sand to loam soils.

**NATURAL RANGE:** From New England to Minnesota and Florida to Texas. In Wisconsin flowering spurge is most common in sand and Pine Barrens, bracken grassland, but also found in savannas and upland southern forests.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** The stem has a milky sap. This plant is deer resistant. The pure white blossoms are in clusters at the top of the plant making it similar to the cultivated "baby's breath". This plant is related to poinsettia.

**SUGGESTED CARE:** No special care is needed.

**COMPANION PLANTS:** Rough blazing star, spiderwort, little bluestem, lead plant, silky aster, purple prairie clover, wild rose, showy sunflower, sideoats grama, prairie dropseed.